

Appln. No.: 10/786,098  
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## **REMARKS**

In response to the Office Action dated December 29, 2006, which has been carefully considered, Applicant, through its counsel, hereby elects Group II, Claims 13-20 for prosecution. The election is made *with* traverse.

For the reasons noted above, reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement are respectfully requested.

The present traversal should not be construed as an admission that the inventions are not patentably distinct. In the event that the restriction requirement is maintained, the Applicants reserve the full protection of 35 U.S.C. §121 against double-patenting rejections.